

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



CONNECT to Christ with Us

September 19, 2021

Communion Service

In-Person Worship

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:00 am

Sunday @ 10:30 am

Monday @ 6:00 pm (Mask
Required)

Live Stream Worship

These services can be found on
our Facebook page

[www.Facebook.com/StPetersFW](https://www.facebook.com/StPetersFW)

Sermon

"I Was Like a Gentle Lamb"

Text: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Pastor Adam McDowell

Weekend Bulletin

Large Print Bulletins are
available from an Elder before
each service.

Worship Readings

Old Testament Reading
Jeremiah 11:18-20

Epistle Reading
James 3:13-4:10

Gospel Reading
Mark 9:30-37

GROW in His Grace with Us



Hope Sessions

St. Peter's has always been a family that cares and responds to the needs of our members. It has recently come to light that many in our church are hurting and need our help. Hope Sessions are designed to listen to those needs and do what we can to address them. Through a recent anonymous survey, many of us expressed feelings of sadness, anxiousness, and loneliness. Hope Sessions are about having a place to come back together, give a voice to our concerns, and spend time in fellowship with one another experiencing the joy of being part of the Community of Care.

Put this on your calendar! Starting October 5th through November 9th, join us for dinner at 6 pm and then classes for all ages split and begin at 6:45 pm. Check out the website for a video and more information.

<https://sites.google.com/stpetersfw.org/stpetershopesessions/home>



AIC (Adult Information Class)

These new member classes will start September 28th.

Pastor Steve's Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study continues each week at noon in the Sanctuary. This study will not be livestreamed.

HSYG

Next meeting, Sunday, September 26th from 6-8 pm at the Parish House. Elections were held and the new officers are as follows:

- President: Ben Corley
- Vice President: Gwyn Widener
- Secretary: Cailyn Bolinger
- Treasurer: Jack Habegger
- PR: Colton Ehle
- Snack Czar: Kyle Grisez
- Off./Def. Coord: Michael Habegger

Music Ministry

Rehearsals continue every Wednesday for Adult Choir from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Cornerstone Room and Brass Band Rehearsals from 8-9 pm in the Sanctuary Balcony. Please join us!

If you're interested in joining the Handbell Choir, send an email to our Director of Music, Tim Degen at tdegen@stpetersfw.org.

Sunday Bible Study

A new study led by Denny Borchers called *God's Word is our Foundation* begins this weekend at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone Room and via live stream on our YouTube channel.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, September 14, The Ladies Bible class will begin the study, *Jesus, the God who knows your name*.

Join us in the large conference room at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday. If you are planning to attend, please contact Barbara Borchers or let the church office know.

Public School Confirmation

Orientation Class was last week. If you still want to join Public School Confirmation classes send an email to churchoffice@stpetersfw.org.

Senior Saints

September Lunch & Learn is this Monday, September 20 at 11:30 am in the Cornerstone Room. Our guest speaker will be Missionary Joe Boway from Liberian Children's Mission.

If you are still interested in purchasing tickets for the October Event at the Blue Gate Theater you're in luck! We got an extension to order group rate tickets. Let the Church Office know by bringing in \$37 for your ticket by 9/21.

Suicide Awareness Month

We can all relate to complaints and uncomfortable moments since we first learned about COVID-19, but for some the pandemic has had an even more devastating impact. Read an interesting article attached to the end of your News & Notes on how the pandemic has influenced those with mental health struggles. This was published in the *Journal Gazette* on August 23, 2020, and is written by a student at Purdue Fort Wayne.

SHARE Him with Others

Compassionate Care Collection Annual Cereal Collection for the Seminary

In September we will compassionately care for our Fort Wayne seminary students and their families through our annual CEREAL FOR THE SEMINARY COLLECTION.

All breakfast foods are welcomed: dry cereal, hot cereal, pop tarts, pancake mix, syrup. Collection baskets are in the Ministry Center and North Corridor.

LWML

VIDEOS, SONGS- NEW WAYS TO REACH THE BURMESE in Fort Wayne and wherever this immigrant community lives.

This program will be presented by Rev James Keller and Vicar Soe Moe at the Fall Gathering of Lutheran women. Saturday, Oct 2 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green Street, New Haven, IN, Registration and light breakfast at 8:30 and fee of \$6.00.

Ingathering for Journey, Birth and Wellness
Infant and postpartum supplies.

Sponsored by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. To register call Elise Koenemann by Sunday Sept 28 at 493-3923 (you may have to leave a message).

Knotters Silent Auction

**Sneak Preview and Early Bird Bidding
will begin on September 25 and 26.**

Visit the Ministry Center on September 25-26 to see a sample of quilts and other items created by our Knotters as well as some hand quilted items created by our Thursday Quilters. Bidding will continue on October 2nd and 3rd and wrap up after services on that weekend. All funds raised by bids will be used to help cover costs of shipping of our quilts and kits to those in need around the world through Lutheran World Relief.





Ladies Aid

St. Peter's Church, Schools, and her members want to send a big THANK YOU to the Ladies Aid for purchasing our new Preschool Sign for our cozy new entrance. There have already been a number of "First Day of School" pictures taken by it.

Ways to Serve

The Church Office is compiling a list of ways members can serve our church. There are a lot of different ways to serve each ministry with a variety of commitment levels. More opportunities are coming! Stay tuned and thank you for prayerfully considering!

Record Book

Adult Confirmation:

Angela Clabaugh (4 children Landon, Brady, Kinsley, Marshall)
Clara Fusco-Martin
Savannah Mignerey
Rachel Kohn (child Gabriel Kohn)
Gary & Ronell Isley (children Ava Isley, MacKenzie Thompson & Callie Thompson)

Transfer In:

Paula Kohn (transfer from New Life, Fort Wayne, IN)
Steven Kohn (transfer from New Life, Fort Wayne, IN)
Brentley & Michelle Lothamer (Victoria & Mina) from Grace Lutheran in Lafayette, IN

Transfer out:

Robert & Rhonita Bisarek to Christ Lutheran Church in Crossville, TN
Ryan and Jessica Aldrich (children Emalyn & Gracin) to Zion Lutheran in Fort Wayne
Alyssa Gibson (Rice) and children Hallie and Charlotte to Concordia Lutheran.

Baptism:

Rachel Nicole Kohn (8/29)

Deaths:

Devaun Patten (8/24)
Joan Shank (8/29)
Bob Compton (9/7)

Tithes & Offerings

Stewardship Corner as of 9/05/2021

God certainly gives us what is good; let us return a portion to him!

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u>
Total Giving	\$16,223	\$197,636	-
Budget	\$23,120	\$200,468	\$6,185
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$6,897)	(\$2,832)	(\$6,185)

Loan Balance \$1,830,643

The Fort Wayne Lutheran is our Special Offering in the month of September. Drop your offering envelope in the wooden church in the Ministry Center.

Lord's Week at a Glance

Saturday, September 18

5:00 pm – Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm – School Auction (Gym)

Sunday, September 19

8:00 am – Worship w/ Communion (Sanctuary)

9:15 am - Bible Study (Cornerstone Rm)

9:15 am – Public School Confirmation (Large Conference Room)

10:30 am – Worship w/Communion Sanctuary)

Monday, September 20

9:00 am – Knotters (Parish House)

11:30 am – Senior Saints (Cornerstone Room)

6:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

6:00 pm – Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, September 21

9:30 am – Ladies Bible Study (Large Conf Rm)

Wednesday, September 22

6:30 pm–Adult Choir (Cornerstone Rm)

8:00 pm – Brass Band Rehearsal (Balcony)

Thursday, September 23

6:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Goeglein's)

9:00 am – Ladies Aid Quilting (Cornerstone Rm)

11:30 am – Ladies Aid BYO Sack Lunch and Drink (Cornerstone Room)

12:00 – Pastor Steve's Bible Study (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm – Board of Directors Meeting (Cornerstone Room)

Suicide pandemic demands our focus

Coronavirus adds to stressors triggering silent killer

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette – August 23, 2020 By Rachel Delaney

In 2015, a member of my immediate family chose to take their life. Many questions raced through my head: Could I have done anything to stop this? Did I do something wrong? Was I not enough? I did not know much about suicide or how common suicide is. I wasn't aware that suicide is the second leading cause of death for young adults, and the 10th-leading cause of death overall in our nation. I was heartbroken and left with few resources to deal with a tragedy of this magnitude.

Flash forward five years: The number of suicides continues to increase nationally and there is still, in my opinion, not enough being done regarding suicide prevention. In fact, I believe the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and practices we were told to put into place regarding the coronavirus outbreak have contributed to creating an environment conducive to suicide. Extreme loneliness, isolation and economic hardship have created a perfect storm. According to the Mayo Clinic, a few of the main factors that lead people to suicide are loneliness, major depression and financial troubles. People are dying at record rates, and little is being done to address this epidemic. Where is the national outrage? Where are the experts on TV every day talking about the steps we need to put in place to prevent these deaths?

In 2018, according to the CDC's last available data, 14,827 people ages 10 to 44 died of suicide. As for the coronavirus, as of Aug. 8, 4,318 people, ages 5 to 44 have died. Even if you triple the latter number, it still does not match the number of suicides we had in that age range in 2018. In addition, 40.9% of adult Americans have symptoms of an anxiety or depressive disorder as of July 2020, an astonishing increase from this time last year when it was 11%, according to the National Health Interview Survey. There is a problem, and we can no longer sit idly by. Thousands upon thousands of people are dying; suicide is the silent killer. When our friends reach

out to us or withdraw, or tell us they aren't OK, we oftentimes respond with, "Hey, at least you didn't lose your job" or some simple platitude. This does nothing but attempt to put a Band-aid on their deep hurt. Our generation especially does not like to feel those "bad vibes." As a result of losing the ability to connect with one another face to face and have tough conversations, we are losing what makes us human in the first place, and it is literally killing us.

A few more troubling statistics that should call us to action are that calls to the US Helpline have jumped 891% during the coronavirus pandemic. Also, 1.9 million more firearms were purchased in March and April 2020 than in March and April last year (firearms are the No. 1 way people choose to commit suicide). Having a gun in the home triples the risk of death by suicide, according to Dr. Alexis Carrington. Dr. Gerry Moeller has seen a 1,000% increase in overdose cases in his Virginia emergency department. Drug overdoses by a national average have risen by an alarming 18%. In Fort Wayne in 2018, Dr. Deborah McMahan, the former Allen County health commissioner, saw there was an uptick in suicides since 2014 by 50%. At that time, she said, "To me, this is your pandemic." Suicide can be a hard topic to discuss, but that does not mean it should be avoided. Call a friend you haven't talked to in awhile to see how they are. You could literally save someone's life. At least 10 million Americans consider suicide every year. If you, or someone you know has thought or is thinking about committing suicide, please encourage them to reach out and get help or bring them help. We are all in this together! Rachel Delaney, from Cleveland, is a senior at Purdue Fort Wayne, where she is studying psychology and communication